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Re: Journal of a Saucerian

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

Few books in our time, or indeed in the history of sacred and profane letters, have received so many bouquets and brickbats as Behind The Flying Saucers. It is too much to expect that the present volume will receive more, but both would be caviar to this particular general. Flying saucers continue to be a controversial subject, in some quarters more controversial than ever, and what would such debates be without cheers and boos?

Despite the tug-of-war, the thesis presented in Behind The Flying Saucers has not been trampled underfoot. On the contrary, the position advanced in 1950 seems more strongly entrenched now than ever, and many of the hair-raising ideas advanced at the time of the book's publication have been proved to be as right as rain.

Many partisans have had to reverse their positions, but not those who were first to report that they had seen strange objects in our skies and some on our soil.

For myself, since I had never seen a flying saucer, never had a hallucination I had seen one, never joined any mass hysteria on the subject and, to the best of my knowledge, had never participated in a hoax to fool other similarly bereft. I lay this misfortune to the fact that I keep my eyes so glued to my typewriter when working and so completely on the earth and the traffic around me when walking that I rarely get a chance to look up to the skies.

I never thought I had got anything but my surviving foot in the door of a vast and mysterious subject, and the fact that the foot was not cut off in two years leads me now to suspect that I really had something -and still have.

Whether I wrote Behind The Flying Saucers with tongue-in-cheek, as many friendly critics maintained, or had been completely duped by smart operators, as some others held, or had perpetrated the biggest literary hoax in history, as still others argued, seems at this writing to be so outdated as to be hardly worth refuting.

Time has taken care of all these opinions. As for the military authorities, which I urged my earlier readers to ignore, they have blown hot and cold on the Saucerian saga so often that I seen no reason for paying more attention to their official communiques<sup>now</sup> than I did two years ago.

Currently, the Pentagonians are still trying to fight a defensive war with these strange aerial objects, which seem to be appearing in increasing numbers right over their heads as time goes by. The military, whose specialists classified all believers in flying saucers in 1949 as victims of hallucination or perpetrators of hoaxes, were going in for a good deal of hallucination or hoaxing themselves by the summer of 1952. They were seeing strange things on their radarscopes and even photographing them - thereby confirming earlier civilian findings from many parts of the world.

Thus the Saucerians, wherever they are and wherever they come from, are still giving the Pentagonians plenty of headaches. They appeared over the nation's Capital in such numbers in July 1952 that jet pilots were ordered on the alert to chase these mystifying objects and further ordered to shoot them down if they wouldn't come down on command.

There are not many reasons for ribald laughter in the world these days but surely this is one of them, for this sort of directive seems as ridiculous to an impartial umpire like myself.

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as urging kids with water pistols to shoot down jets.

I have long hoped that the President would take this project out of the hands of these trigger-happy Pentagonians and place it in the hands of temperate civilians where it belongs. The savings in taxes alone would be enormous. I am not pitching for such a post, being far too happy reporting what others see and think. But the switch should be made, for obviously the Air Force boys have bungled the thing from the beginning.

If, as I have reason to suspect, these space ships are powered with magnetic energy and are protected in flight by magnetic shields, it would be no task at all for the intelligence directing their flight to push a button and disintegrate any jets, rockets or water pistols we might aim at their saucer-shaped or cigar-shaped ships.

So my war with the army continues. Move over, boys, and let those trained in politesse handle this matter. You stick to your guns and our earth-born rivals for power. This thing is literally away above your heads.

FRANK SCULLY

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screens, where almost daily in the dog days of the summer of 1952  
Washington was reporting unclassified objects making monkeys  
of our fastest pursuit planes.

FROM: Frank Scully  
TO: Henry Holt and Co  
RE: JOURNAL OF A FLYING SAUCERIAN  
DATE

The Journal of a Flying Saucerian, or Secret Papers of  
Elsewhere, will consist of 60,000 to 100,000 words boiled down  
from more than a million which have come to Scully's Private Project  
Saucer since publication of Behind The Flying Saucers. Between the  
time the Air Materiel Command "closed" Project Saucer in <sup>1949</sup>1950 and  
the Air Technical Intelligence Center "reopened" the project in 1952,  
(my contention that it was never closed was admitted in 1952)  
information from various parts of the world has spilled into various  
civilian basins. Where these are sightings of unfamiliar aerial objects  
they will be used to make the Post-Fordean file of Behind The Flying  
Saucers more definitive, rather than be allowed to slow up the main  
body of the book.

Our Project Saucer has been by no means the only one.  
But it has been, I suspect, the biggest <sup>of those in the diminishing field  
of private enterprise</sup> and a large percentage of the  
correspondents not only have contributed new and fascinating material  
but an even greater number have asked when they might expect a new book  
on the subject. This is a presold subscription list, which we will now  
try to satisfy.

As time goes by the correspondence shows a higher quality.  
Even the kids seem <sup>far ahead of official observers. They</sup> to raise questions which show a superior intelligence  
in matters concerning interplanetary travel, means of propulsion and  
likely source<sup>s</sup> of origin of the flying objects.

One adult project I managed to steer away from me to  
a group of engineers scattered around the country. They became interested

The Air Force's tend old Trinity which classified all sightings as (1)  
misinterpretation of various conventional objects, (2) a mild form of mass hysteria  
and (3) hoaxes seems now confined to the military and what they see on their radar



~~magnetic metals when combined in an alloy became magnetic.~~<sup>9</sup> In time this raised all sorts of scientific dust. One Yale man,<sup>2</sup> mathematician, took me to task and then went into three pages of mathematical formulas to prove I was talking through my hat. At the end he concluded, "By George, you're right. They have the same atomic weights."

Various other researchers reported that they did get a magnetic metal out of an alloy of non-magnetic metals, but it was of a poor quality and porous and did I have anybody I could refer them to who might help them? I managed to have one scientist on my list and set this group up into a project by correspondence. And all are reporting great progress.

interested in a particular type of research raised by a passing comment in Behind The Flying Saucers. In talking with an aerodynamic engineer I had asked if he knew that certain non-magnetic metals when combined in an alloy surprisingly became magnetic.

decided not to  
 I ~~couldn't~~ contact my original sources of information about these questions because they were ~~in a dreadful~~ <sup>officially the</sup> doghouse. One of them had either had his pension cut off or threatened to be cut off. Others using ~~government~~ <sup>military</sup> equipment for private exploratory research were threatened with its recall if they so much as said another word ~~to me~~ <sup>on flying saucers.</sup> As some of this equipment was worth \$250,000 they were in no position financially at the time <sup>to</sup> contest any such directive. <sup>of my original informants</sup> One ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> was directly responsible for the designing of the B-36, which he managed to do by getting two German scientists out of a concentration camp here. He knew these men in Berlin. He ~~claimed~~ <sup>told me he had contributed nothing little</sup> there wasn't an original thing on the B-36, that it was strictly ~~xxxxxx~~ an assembled job helped by <sup>his</sup> ~~good~~ <sup>test</sup> memory of what was on German drawing boards.

One day the <sup>test</sup> pilot who first flew the B-36 from Los Angeles to Phoenix ran into the designer who was working on a fog-penetrating radar <sup>with the Norden Bombsite people.</sup> This was <sup>(This work has since been announced)</sup> in the end of 1950 <sup>and</sup> <sup>toward</sup> <sup>go down</sup> he'd seen what looked like a cigar-shaped saucer ~~go down~~ in the swamp area of Arkansas, not too far from the Tennessee border. He had spotted it, thanks to the fog-penetrating radar, and he doubted if anybody else would see it as it was in a huge <sup>fenced in</sup> ~~enclosed~~ <sup>and wooded</sup> area which was no longer used for cattle but was held by <sup>a</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>feel</sup> company for <sup>future development</sup> ~~exploration in the distant future.~~ The problem was how to get <sup>the cigar-shaped saucer</sup> ~~it~~ out. It was agreed to wait until winter, till the soil was adequately frozen so that one could go in with oil trucks and not ~~be xxxxxxxx~~ bog down or excite either official or unofficial curiosity. <sup>military</sup> But where to take it <sup>Without being subject to immediate</sup> <sup>Confiscation?</sup> The governor of Colorado had contributed personal testimony to having seen 7 saucers on the same day the managing editor of the Rocky Mountain News <sup>(Jack Foster)</sup> had testified he had seen 5. These seemed to be the sort of custodians who might <sup>protect</sup> ~~project~~ the

that was new

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space ship, even if forced to <sup>drag</sup> ~~drive~~ the Pentagonians into the courts to clear title to the 'alien' property.

It took so long to get this project going that our manoeuvre failed. Some one presumably had beaten us to the corpus delectus.

We have heard from time to time that the Air Force was going to revive Project Saucer officially (which they did) and confirm the general findings of "Behind The Flying Saucers."

<sup>(which they did ~~in~~ life ~~March~~ on April 17 1952)</sup>  
We even heard that they had pieced together at least one of <sup>their discovery by September 1952</sup> the space ships and intended to announce <sup>the fact</sup>. But there <sup>are</sup> still missing parts and these presumably have not been found or replaced to date.

He was stopping at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

<sup>New Mexico</sup> We received a call from the <sup>Manufacturers</sup> assistant to the <sup>In the East</sup> president of one of the biggest <sup>building</sup> of planes. He had come up from White Sands and had seen and heard enough to believe there was much more to the subject than either my book or government releases indicated.

His company, he explained, was ready to allocate a million dollars for experimental <sup>on flying saucers</sup> research. They ~~was~~ realized that jets would <sup>soon</sup> reach their limit <sup>of speed</sup> and that saucers were the next great commercial <sup>and military</sup> venture. He showed me all his credentials but explained that at this stage we would have to be discreet.

He assured us that his company had enough standing in Washington to keep the heat off the men who had given me the information

<sup>Used</sup> in Behind The Flying Saucers. <sup>This I doubted but</sup> I had him meet Si Newton <sup>nevertheless</sup> and

Si said he would convey the information to Dr Gee's group, but

he was not at all sure that they would be comforted by a private

<sup>firm's</sup> assurances. Besides Doc himself had been critically ill for months, holding up their plans to allocate certain oil projects

We agreed to meet later in New York, which we did.

At that time <sup>the Presidential Assistant</sup> I thought it would be better <sup>if</sup> we dined <sup>and discussed</sup> <sup>developments away from his place or ours</sup> some less <sup>some less</sup> conspicuous <sup>before the regular hours</sup> hotel as he was sure he was being tailed.

We dined at the Hotel Roosevelt. He said his company was more

anxious than ever to go ahead with the deal. At that time Dr

Gee was desperately ill with carbuncles and boils and was in <sup>cut loose from his ~~pentagonian ties~~ through</sup> no position to make a leap. Moreover, his geophysical research

<sup>he and Newton</sup> had spotted a new <sup>in Wyoming</sup> oil field and it was felt that if this one came through <sup>their</sup> he and his group could set up their own Foundation to

do precisely what the airplane manufacturers wanted to do.

<sup>(tell story briefly of flop</sup>

<sup>had</sup> They sold a quarter-interest to an oil man who was

to supply pipe and equipment. Two earthquakes knocked things around

talk to Doc about it anyway  
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to a Research Foundation of their own



4) around and caused the tools to be lost twice. It tooks weeks <sup>each time</sup> (4) to fish them out of the hole. Then Newton and Dr Gee told their partner it was time to order \$12,000 feet of pipe. They found him pipe at Youngstown, <sup>Ohio. 7/</sup> Weeks later, no pipe. This time the partner said he would attend to it right away. By then a strike was on and no pipe could be found anywhere. So <sup>the parties</sup> dug up some old pipe in Kansas. It had been 20 years in the ground. It was rusty and weak. It fell apart with the first <sup>oil</sup> pressures and up went \$12,000 000 worth of oil. His failure to get pipe when told cost him \$3,000,000 and Doc and Newton \$9,000,000. It also kept them in hock to the government on geophysical equipment, and prevented them from setting up their own foundation for saucer research.

Naturally we have received a great deal of personal testimony in relation to other grounded flying saucers than those reported in Behind The Flying Saucers. In the presence of two staff men of Radio Station KECA in the Hollywood studio of the American Broadcast Company, <sup>and Alice and I,</sup> one her brother had seen at Williams Field east of Phoenix, near Chandler, Ariz. He was ~~who at that time delivering butane gas to Williams Field to the base at the time~~ He wandered into a proscribed part of the field, apparently ~~not seeing the~~ <sup>ignoring the off limits</sup> ~~no visitors~~ sign.

There behind a hangar he came on a group of technicians busily engaged in trying to graft what look like <sup>an</sup> American landing gear on an alien flying saucer. He watched fascinated until he felt a bayonet in his butt. "How did you get in here?" the guard demanded. He explained that he delivered butane gas <sup>there</sup> regularly. <sup>He showed his credentials.</sup> "Well, get the hell out of here and forget what you saw -if you saw anything," he was told.

The young man subsequently found his draft number

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Outline  
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THIS SIDE OF SAUCERS

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Chapter

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- 6 Have any personal testimony of those claiming to have seen grounded saucers and live crews any value?
- a) MacDonough
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  - c) Mayor of German town
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  - b) Menzel
  - c) Shapely
- 6000
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OUT OF THIS WORLD

*no caps*  
THE ~~LATEST~~ <sup>LAST WORD</sup> ON FLYING SAUCERS

By FRANK SCULLY

INTRODUCTION

Several years have passed since flying saucers tried to compete with super-explosives for public attention. *Reports on* Both were heard 'round the world. But the mysteries behind them have had different careers. Atomic fission has been solved and explained. *is no longer the mystery it was.* *Indeed, the secret is now great mystery.* It's mysteries are shared by so many as to be no longer mysteries at all. *longer among the unsolved mysteries of nature worlds*

But the mystery of flying saucers is still, ~~in the main~~, unsolved, even though the belief that they are real, ~~are~~ interplanetary, ~~inter-~~ solar or interstellar and directed by superior intelligence has millions more converts today than in 1947.

Since then many researchers, the author among them, have been trying to ~~clean up or clean out the~~ *eliminate* flaws in the ~~thinking~~ *conclusions* of pioneers in the field. There ~~remains~~ *still* a great difference of opinion among the survivors, *as to which of them has the right answer.* I shall try to include the views of all of them in this book as I did. ~~Official scoopers~~ have found no unity in their ranks either.

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Once on a TV debate I suggested that this vast and mysterious subject be taken out of the hands of the military (it being literally 'way over their heads) and turned over to civilians. Newspaper stories subsequently reported that this plan was in the White House hopper. But I have no faith it will be done. Power, however acquired, is a hard thing for people to give up voluntarily, and the military, after all, are human beings.

Whether pressure or newly emerged intelligence was the cause of a shift in the official position on this stuff or nonsense, called "flying saucers" (by people) and "unidentified flying objects" (by the semantics students of the Air Force), is hard to tell. But between 1947 and 1954 there was a definite shift toward belief in their reality. The day for calling all who saw "sausers" as crackpots or hoaxers was over. By 1954 too many of the Air Force personnel had seen what peasants had been seeing since 1947. So it got down to a question of the Air Force psychiatrists calling everybody crazy or everybody sane. They settled for the latter, lest the other choice include them as well.

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Though three years of painstaking efforts have gone into evaluating new materi<sup>l</sup> in this book so as to eliminate hoaxes, I would be disappointed if the earlier heralds did not re-emerge to declare that my latest word on the subject was a bigger hoax than the last one.

Being an old partisan of a school of public relations that believes there is "no such thing as a bad notice except no notice at all," I am not above the value of <sup>bad</sup> such notices. Like throwing bricks at squatters, they help lay a solid foundation, even if one might question that anything substantial could come from such pitchmen along the sideshows of literature as are hired by Hearst or Fawcett.

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Despite this handful of hecklers the material in Behind The Flying Saucers and conclusions drawn from it have stood up remarkably well. The book was attacked from all sides, of course, from the lowest to the highest motives, which was to be expected as it was a highly controversial subject. I myself even attacked parts of it, like Don Quixote attacking his own windmill. But nothing has happened to date to refute the story as a whole.

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those little men, particularly when other observers reported seeing crews from space ships, men of normal stature, speech and appearance. These contradictions caused me to retreat a little and so I have since advanced the theory that the Saucerians probably sent their jockeys at first, it being a long trip and excess weight being therefore important.

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